

NEW SOUTH WALES.

MONTHLY SUMMARY OF BUSINESS STATISTICS

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NEW SOUTH WALES. SECTION A.—RAINFALL AND PRODUCTION.

1. RAINFALL—INDEX.

Index showing Weighted Average Ratio of Actual to Normal Rainfall.

(Average rainfall for each month = 100.)

| Month. | Sheep Districts. | | | | | Wheat Districts. | | | | Dairying Districts (Coastal only). | | | |
|---------------|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------------|-----|-----|-----|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| | N. | C. | S. | W. | T. | N. | C. | S. | T. | N. | C. | S. | T. |
| 1948. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February ... | 82 | 211 | 252 | 138 | 180 | 74 | 222 | 253 | 222 | 42 | 66 | 99 | 56 |
| March ... | 144 | 90 | 21 | 72 | 81 | 136 | 82 | 16 | 48 | 141 | 151 | 36 | 130 |
| April ... | 80 | 102 | 145 | 75 | 107 | 90 | 112 | 140 | 126 | 92 | 40 | 71 | 76 |
| May ... | 145 | 138 | 120 | 129 | 133 | 117 | 123 | 102 | 109 | 123 | 117 | 185 | 129 |
| June ... | 202 | 204 | 102 | 214 | 171 | 168 | 171 | 111 | 134 | 363 | 194 | 156 | 293 |
| July ... | 79 | 23 | 33 | 28 | 43 | 73 | 19 | 35 | 36 | 20 | 29 | 17 | 23 |
| August ... | 53 | 68 | 50 | 70 | 58 | 50 | 67 | 52 | 56 | 58 | 41 | 14 | 48 |
| September ... | 131 | 113 | 70 | 72 | 100 | 129 | 91 | 72 | 84 | 167 | 185 | 40 | 155 |
| October ... | 27 | 40 | 119 | 55 | 64 | 26 | 49 | 110 | 84 | 6 | 20 | 81 | 19 |
| November ... | 81 | 65 | 98 | 49 | 79 | 74 | 61 | 102 | 88 | 96 | 46 | 60 | 78 |
| December ... | 96 | 71 | 126 | 106 | 100 | 111 | 79 | 123 | 110 | 63 | 72 | 98 | 70 |
| 1949. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January ... | 95 | 83 | 55 | 41 | 73 | 111 | 78 | 52 | 66 | 83 | 147 | 126 | 105 |
| February ... | 224 | 174 | 114 | 181 | 170 | 225 | 167 | 112 | 140 | 115 | 222 | 138 | 145 |
| March ... | 99 | 147 | 227 | 388 | 185 | 64 | 152 | 248 | 200 | 161 | 165 | 145 | 160 |

N.—Northern; C.—Central; S.—Southern; W.—Western; T.—Total, all districts.

2. WOOL.

The total production of wool in New South Wales was 422,260,000 lb. in 1947-48, compared with 432,621,000 lb. in 1946-47 and an average of 492,436,000 lb. in the five seasons 1941-42 to 1945-46.

The average price of greasy wool sold at auction in New South Wales was 37·9d. per lb. in the year ended June, 1948, compared with 23·6d. per lb. in 1946-47. Comparable average price (subject to revision) was 47d. per lb. in Sept., 1948; 43·5d. in Oct.; 48·5d. in Nov.; 53d. in December, 1948 and January, 1949; 54·5d. in February; and 54·5d. (nominal) in March.

NEW SOUTH WALES WOOL SALES (EXCLUDING ALBURY).

| Selling Centre. | Season. | Bales Received into Store during— | | Sales at Auction during Eight Months ended February.* | | | Bales in Store Unsold at end of Feb. |
|--------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|----------|---------------------|--|
| | | February. | Eight months ended February. | Bales. | | Amount Realised. | |
| | | | | Greasy. | Scoured. | | |
| | | No. | No. | No. | No. | £ | No. |
| Sydney ... | 1946-47 | 17,611 | 779,339 | 509,488 | 49,016 | 16,201,521 | 229,757 |
| | 1947-48 | 28,046 | 716,063 | 508,946 | 60,595 | 27,151,770 | 175,777 |
| | 1948-49 | 26,532 | 847,811 | 525,834 | 51,250 | 35,323,586 | 277,492 |
| Newcastle | 1946-47 | 2,100 | 140,350 | 116,143 | 80 | 3,353,802 | 25,013 |
| | 1947-48 | 4,811 | 132,012 | 112,789 | 38 | 5,789,194 | 18,680 |
| | 1948-49 | 4,738 | 152,984 | 121,666 | ... | 7,739,332 | 25,493 |
| Goulburn | 1946-47 | 441 | 41,501 | 28,485 | ... | 953,104 | 13,026 |
| | 1947-48 | 989 | 44,722 | 26,655 | ... | 1,431,447 | 18,378 |
| | 1948-49 | 529 | 52,205 | 31,745 | ... | 2,176,686 | 20,628 |
| Total ... | 1946-47 | 20,152 | 961,190 | 654,116 | 49,096 | 20,508,427 | 267,796 |
| | 1947-48 | 33,846 | 892,797 | 648,390 | 60,633 | 34,372,411 | 212,835 |
| | 1948-49 | 31,799 | 1,053,000 | 679,245 | 51,250 | 45,239,604 | 323,613 |

*Includes small quantities of wool bought-in by the Joint Organisation; sales from stocks held by J.O. are excluded.

†Excluding stocks held by J.O.

3. WHEAT.

Production in New South Wales. Compiled from returns of wheatgrowers.

| Season. | Area under Wheat. | | Yield of Grain. | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | Total. | Harvested For Grain. | Total. | Average per Acre. |
| | acres. | acres. | busheis. | busheis. |
| Average—1934-35 to 1943-44 ... | 4,296,000 | 3,937,000 | 51,635,000 | 13·1 |
| 1944-45 ... | 3,174,000 | 2,845,000 | 17,134,000 | 6·0 |
| 1945-46 ... | 4,213,000 | 3,774,000 | 62,520,000 | 16·6 |
| 1946-47 ... | 4,773,000 | 4,475,000 | 15,682,000 | 3·5 |
| 1947-48 ... | 5,355,000 | 5,043,000 | 95,227,000 | 18·9 |
| 1948-49* ... | 4,570,000 | 4,280,000 | 66,000,000 | 15·4 |

*Preliminary estimate by Statistician, February, 1949.

4. BUTTER OUTPUT—N.S.W. FACTORIES.

| Month. | Average, 1937-38 to 1939-40. | 1943-44. | 1944-45. | 1945-46. | 1946-47. | 1947-48. | 1948-49. |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Thousand lb. | | | | | | | |
| July ... | 5,061 | 3,313 | 2,462 | 3,286 | 2,641 | 3,004 | 2,701 |
| August ... | 5,361 | 3,279 | 3,065 | 4,008 | 2,758 | 2,833 | 3,435 |
| September ... | 7,093 | 4,933 | 5,397 | 5,007 | 3,254 | 4,025 | 4,623 |
| October ... | 10,107 | 8,626 | 8,483 | 7,557 | 4,446 | 6,464 | 7,309 |
| November ... | 13,128 | 11,553 | 8,169 | 7,387 | 5,070 | 6,858 | 7,456 |
| December ... | 13,471 | 13,079 | 7,532 | 8,820 | 6,372 | 10,628 | 8,336 |
| January ... | 12,310 | 12,821 | 8,004 | 8,146 | 6,386 | 11,369 | 8,632 |
| February ... | 11,816 | 10,184 | 6,769 | 8,146 | 7,384 | 8,689 | 8,243 |
| March ... | 11,370 | 8,440 | 8,261 | 8,498 | 8,051 | 8,214 | ... |
| April ... | 10,044 | 5,165 | 5,811 | 6,185 | 5,741 | 6,146 | ... |
| May ... | 8,145 | 3,870 | 4,477 | 4,468 | 4,458 | 4,753 | ... |
| June ... | 6,024 | 2,594 | 3,237 | 2,772 | 3,824 | 3,083 | ... |
| Year ... | 113,930 | 87,857 | 71,722 | 74,280 | 60,385 | 76,066 | ... |
| Eight Months ended February | 78,347 | 67,788 | 49,886 | 52,357 | 38,311 | 53,870 | 50,735 |

5. COAL PRODUCTION IN N.S.W.—Thousand Tons.

Source—Joint Coal Board.

| Periods of Four Weeks. ‡ | Last day of Period. (1949 dates.) | 1942. | 1944. | 1945. | 1946. | 1947. | 1948. | 1949. |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| First Period ended on ... | 24th Jan. | 22nd Jan. | 20th Jan. | 19th Jan. | 1st Feb. | 31st Jan. | 29th Jan. | |
| First* ... | 20th Jan. | 731 | 625 | 640 | 519 | 859† | 539 | 513 |
| Second ... | 26th Feb. | 933 | 774 | 867 | 860 | 796 | 918 | 954 |
| Third ... | 26th Mar. | 981 | 781 | 803 | 913 | 833 | 869 | 929‡ |
| Fourth ... | 23rd April | 886 | 782 | 755 | 859 | 804 | 964 | ... |
| Fifth ... | 21st May | 1,093 | 930 | 791 | 674 | 773 | 878 | ... |
| Sixth ... | 18th June | 965 | 866 | 914 | 906 | 990 | 883 | ... |
| Seventh ... | 16th July | 918 | 884 | 846 | 798 | 992 | 941 | ... |
| Eighth ... | 13th Aug. | 953 | 884 | 914 | 846 | 995 | 984 | ... |
| Ninth ... | 10th Sept. | 1,028 | 880 | 778 | 911 | 994 | 1,061 | ... |
| Tenth ... | 8th Oct. | 984 | 970 | 842 | 975 | 979 | 1,024 | ... |
| Eleventh ... | 5th Nov. | 973 | 870 | 759 | 1,017 | 1,092 | 696 | ... |
| Twelfth ... | 3rd Dec. | 965 | 891 | 869 | 976 | 1,130 | 1,134 | ... |
| Thirteenth ... | 31st Dec. | 886 | 906 | 308 | 932 | 446* | 830* | ... |
| Year ... | ... | 12,206 | 11,943 | 10,176 | 11,186 | 11,683 | 11,721 | ... |
| Output—“Open Cuts” incl. above... | ... | 56 | 180 | 523 | 756 | 959 | 1,255 | ... |
| Period of 12 weeks ended— | 21st Mar. | 18th Mar. | 17th Mar. | 16th Mar. | 29th Mar. | 27th Mar. | 26th Mar. | |
| Northern District ... | 1,792 | 1,549 | 1,539 | 1,524 | 1,674 | 1,525 | 1,497 | |
| Western District ... | 304 | 328 | 383 | 345 | 425 | 393 | 454 | |
| Southern District‡ ... | 489 | 303 | 478 | 423 | 389 | 408 | 445 | |
| Total (12 weeks)‡ ... | 2,645 | 2,180 | 2,400 | 2,292 | 2,488 | 2,326 | 2,396‡ | |
| Output—“Open Cuts” incl. above | ... | 22 | 103 | 141 | 191 | 268 | 275‡ | |

* Miners' mid-summer holidays were:—In 1st period—1942, Public holidays only; 1944 and 1945, one week; 1946, two weeks; 1948, one week; 1949, two weeks; and in 13th period—1947, two weeks; 1948, one week.

† Four-weekly periods changed. ‡ The four-weekly periods Southern District ended a week later than in other districts in years 1942 to 1947.

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SECTION B.—BUILDING INDUSTRY.

6. PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT BUILDING IN N.S.W.—ESTIMATED COST.

(New Buildings, Alterations and Additions.)

Private building figures relate in years marked (a) to permits issued by local councils of Sydney and Suburbs, 129 country towns and 7 extra-metropolitan Shires; and in periods marked (b) to permits issued by all local councils.

Government building figures relate to contracts let and works authorised or commenced by Commonwealth, State or local authorities.

| Period. | Metropolis. | | | Remainder of State (a) and (b). | | | Total, New South Wales. | | |
|------------------|-------------|-------|--------|---------------------------------|-------|--------|-------------------------|--------|--------|
| | Private. | Govt. | Total. | Private. | Govt. | Total. | Private. | Govt. | Total. |
| Year. | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| 1940 (a) | 11,718 | 894 | 12,612 | 4,887 | 2,672 | 7,559 | 16,605 | 3,566 | 20,171 |
| 1941 (a) | 10,847 | 1,725 | 12,572 | 4,758 | 2,904 | 7,662 | 15,605 | 4,029 | 20,234 |
| 1942 (a) | 1,446 | 1,371 | 2,817 | 1,079 | 3,932 | 5,011 | 2,525 | 5,303 | 7,828 |
| 1943 (a) | 1,361 | 3,109 | 4,470 | 508 | 1,574 | 2,082 | 1,869 | 4,683 | 6,552 |
| 1944 (a) | 1,603 | 1,606 | 3,209 | 869 | 2,304 | 3,173 | 2,472 | 3,910 | 6,382 |
| 1945 (a) | 5,271 | 3,662 | 8,933 | 4,630 | 1,638 | 6,268 | 9,901 | 5,300 | 15,201 |
| 1946 (a) | 18,070 | 3,794 | 21,864 | 13,506 | 2,651 | 16,157 | 31,576 | 6,445 | 38,021 |
| 1947 (a) | 20,252 | 4,299 | 24,551 | 16,596 | 3,023 | 19,619 | 36,848 | 7,322 | 44,170 |
| 1947 (b) | 20,252 | 4,299 | 24,551 | 21,565 | 3,023 | 24,588 | 41,817 | 7,322 | 49,139 |
| 1948 (b) | 22,595 | 6,244 | 28,839 | 26,848 | 5,099 | 31,947 | 49,443 | 11,343 | 60,786 |
| Month (b) | | | | | | | | | |
| 1947—Dec. | 1,314 | 206 | 1,610 | 1,481 | 283 | 1,764 | 2,795 | 579 | 3,374 |
| 1948—Jan. | 1,297 | 274 | 1,571 | 1,529 | 216 | 1,745 | 2,826 | 490 | 3,316 |
| Feb. | 1,499 | 379 | 1,878 | 1,893 | 367 | 2,260 | 3,392 | 746 | 4,138 |
| 1948—Dec. | 2,110 | 341 | 2,451 | 2,094 | 372 | 2,466 | 4,204 | 713 | 4,917 |
| 1949—Jan. | 1,861 | 532 | 2,393 | 1,845 | 80 | 1,925 | 3,706 | 612 | 4,318 |
| Feb. | 1,923 | 292 | 2,215 | 2,282 | 354 | 2,636 | 4,205 | 646 | 4,851 |

(a) and (b) see notes above table.

7. PRIVATE BUILDING, PERMITS ISSUED BY COUNCILS, N.S.W.—ESTIMATED COST.

(New Buildings, Alterations and Additions.)

| Period. | County of Cumberland. | | | | | Remainder of State (a) and (b) | Total, New South Wales. |
|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------------------|--------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | City of Sydney. | Suburbs of Sydney. | Metropolis. | Balance of Cumberland. | Total. | | |
| Year. | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| 1939 (a) | 1,886 | 10,334 | 12,220 | 1,360 | 13,580 | 4,002 | 17,582 |
| 1940 (a) | 1,534 | 10,184 | 11,718 | 1,417 | 13,135 | 3,470 | 16,605 |
| 1941 (a) | 552 | 10,295 | 10,847 | 1,488 | 12,335 | 3,270 | 15,605 |
| 1942 (a) | 271 | 1,175 | 1,446 | 199 | 1,645 | 880 | 2,525 |
| 1943 (a) | 249 | 1,112 | 1,361 | 139 | 1,500 | 369 | 1,869 |
| 1944 (a) | 332 | 1,271 | 1,603 | 353 | 1,956 | 516 | 2,472 |
| 1945 (a) | 204 | 5,007 | 5,271 | 2,077 | 7,948 | 1,953 | 9,901 |
| 1946 (a) | 1,213 | 16,857 | 18,070 | 6,830 | 24,900 | 6,676 | 31,576 |
| 1947 (a) | 1,315 | 18,937 | 20,252 | 7,944 | 28,196 | 8,652 | 36,848 |
| 1947 (b) | 1,315 | 18,937 | 20,252 | 7,944 | 28,196 | 13,621 | 41,817 |
| 1948 (b) | 1,228 | 21,307 | 22,595 | 10,745 | 33,340 | 16,103 | 49,443 |
| Month (b) | | | | | | | |
| 1947—Dec. | 158 | 1,156 | 1,314 | 443 | 1,757 | 1,038 | 2,795 |
| 1948—Jan. | 34 | 1,263 | 1,297 | 613 | 1,910 | 916 | 2,826 |
| Feb. | 79 | 1,420 | 1,499 | 754 | 2,253 | 1,139 | 3,392 |
| 1948—Dec. | 374 | 1,736 | 2,110 | 816 | 2,926 | 1,278 | 4,204 |
| 1949—Jan. | * | 1,861 | 1,861 | 665 | 2,526 | 1,180 | 3,706 |
| Feb. | * | * | 1,923 | 802 | 2,725 | 1,480 | 4,205 |

(a) and (b) see notes above Table 6.

* Not available separately.

8. PRINCIPAL CLASSES OF BUILDING—PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT—N.S.W.— ESTIMATED COST.

(New Buildings, Alterations and Additions.)

| Period. | Houses. | Flats (inc. conversions) | Hotels, Guest Houses, etc. | Shops with Dwellings. | Shops only. | Factories. | Other Buildings. | Total. |
|--------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|------------|---------------------|--------|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| <i>Metropolis.</i> | | | | | | | | |
| Year, 1946 ... | 14,387 | 681 | 200 | 111 | 501 | 3,942 | 2,042 | 21,864 |
| " 1947 ... | 16,523 | 1,373 | 167 | 163 | 184 | 3,471 | 2,670 | 24,551 |
| " 1948 ... | 19,882 | 1,774 | 86 | 271 | 180 | 3,676 | 2,970 | 28,839 |
| <i>Months</i> | | | | | | | | |
| 1947—December ... | 1,136 | 173 | ... | 21 | 12 | 99 | 169 | 1,610 |
| 1948—January ... | 983 | 183 | 1 | 12 | 4 | 229 | 159 | 1,571 |
| February ... | 1,310 | 134 | 1 | 10 | 4 | 237 | 182 | 1,878 |
| 1948—December ... | 1,520 | 115 | 55 | 2 | 10 | 284 | 465 | 2,451 |
| 1949—January ... | 1,558 | 64 | ... | 14 | 7 | 242 | 508 | 2,393 |
| February ... | 1,843 | 145 | ... | 12 | 13 | 124 | 78 | 2,215 |
| <i>Remainder of State.</i> | | | | | | | | |
| Year, 1946 (a) ... | 12,606 | 170 | 231 | 243 | 231 | 638 | 2,038 | 16,157 |
| " 1947 (a) ... | 16,127 | 247 | 292 | 224 | 310 | 738 | 1,681 | 19,619 |
| " 1947 (b) ... | 20,516 | 300 | 313 | 306 | 386 | 849 | 1,918 | 24,588 |
| " 1948 (b) ... | 26,337 | 493 | 161 | 296 | 175 | 1,718 | 2,737 | 31,947 |
| <i>Months (b)</i> | | | | | | | | |
| 1947—December ... | 1,495 | 2 | 85 | 47 | 14 | 3 | 118 | 1,764 |
| 1948—January ... | 1,496 | 25 | 1 | 23 | 18 | 55 | 127 | 1,745 |
| February ... | 1,938 | 34 | 21 | 29 | 3 | 37 | 198 | 2,260 |
| 1948—December ... | 2,105 | 9 | 16 | 25 | 9 | 44 | 258 | 2,466 |
| 1949—January ... | 1,728 | 23 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 58 | 98 | 1,925 |
| February ... | 2,242 | 36 | 12 | 25 | 51 | 52 | 218 | 2,636 |
| <i>Total, New South Wales.</i> | | | | | | | | |
| Year, 1946 (a) ... | 26,993 | 851 | 431 | 354 | 732 | 4,580 | 4,080 | 38,021 |
| " 1947 (a) ... | 32,650 | 1,620 | 459 | 387 | 494 | 4,209 | 4,351 | 44,170 |
| " 1947 (b) ... | 37,039 | 1,673 | 480 | 469 | 570 | 4,320 | 4,588 | 49,139 |
| " 1948 (b) ... | 46,219 | 2,267 | 247 | 567 | 355 | 5,424 | 5,707 | 60,786 |
| <i>Months (b)</i> | | | | | | | | |
| 1947—December ... | 2,631 | 175 | 85 | 68 | 26 | 102 | 287 | 3,374 |
| 1948—January ... | 2,479 | 208 | 2 | 35 | 22 | 284 | 286 | 3,316 |
| February ... | 3,248 | 168 | 22 | 39 | 7 | 274 | 380 | 4,138 |
| 1948—December ... | 3,625 | 124 | 71 | 27 | 19 | 328 | 723 | 4,917 |
| 1949—January ... | 3,286 | 87 | 4 | 19 | 16 | 300 | 606 | 4,318 |
| February ... | 4,085 | 181 | 12 | 37 | 64 | 176 | 296 | 4,851 |

(a) and (b) see notes above Table 6.

9. DWELLINGS IN HOUSES AND FLATS—AUTHORISED, COMMENCED, COMPLETED.

(Private and Government, including owner-built houses, but excluding some new houses on farms and military huts converted into temporary dwellings.)

| Period | County of Cumberland. | | | Total, New South Wales. | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|------------|
| | Authorised. | Commenced. | Completed. | Authorised. | Commenced. | Completed. |
| <i>No.</i> | | | | | | |
| 1946—Sept. Qtr. ... | 5,002 | 2,600* | 1,650* | 7,529 | 4,705 | 2,719 |
| Dec. Qtr. ... | 4,229 | 2,675* | 2,150* | 6,482 | 4,208 | 3,437 |
| 1947—March Qtr. ... | 4,081 | 2,590 | 1,603 | 6,660 | 4,454 | 2,774 |
| June Qtr. ... | 4,699 | 2,996 | 2,061 | 7,644 | 5,016 | 3,414 |
| Sept. Qtr. ... | 5,006 | 3,259 | 2,328 | 7,972 | 5,204 | 3,620 |
| Dec. Qtr. ... | 4,156 | 3,045 | 2,236 | 6,973 | 4,911 | 3,748 |
| Year 1947 ... | 17,942 | 11,890 | 8,228 | 29,249 | 19,585 | 13,556 |
| 1948—March Qtr. ... | 3,876 | 3,124 | 2,115 | 6,409 | 4,772 | 3,640 |
| June Qtr. ... | 5,025 | 3,832 | 2,613 | 8,132 | 6,013 | 4,407 |
| Sept. Qtr. ... | 4,616 | 3,952 | 2,897 | 7,782 | 6,219 | 4,571 |
| Dec. Qtr. ... | 5,309 | 3,308 | 3,453 | 8,470 | 5,393 | 5,423 |
| Year 1948 ... | 18,826 | 14,216 | 11,078 | 30,083 | 22,397 | 18,041 |

* Exclusive of flats.

"Authorised" means permits issued for private dwellings plus contracts let for Governmental dwellings.

At end of December, 1948, there were 22,445 dwellings in houses and flats "remaining uncompleted" in N.S.W.

SECTION C.—TRADE.

10. WHOLESALE TRADE.

Approximate Amount of Sales (N.S.W.) by Traders Registered under Sales Tax Acts.
Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.

| Period. | 1939. | 1942. | 1943. | 1944. | 1945. | 1946. | 1947. | 1948. | 1949. |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| Million £. | | | | | | | | | |
| Year. | 200'29 | 238'65 | 240'54 | 251'40 | 251'74 | 299'76 | 347'46 | 418'98 | ... |
| January ... | 13'24 | 18'69 | 17'18 | 18'01 | 18'62 | 17'62 | 21'70 | 25'22 | 32'21 |
| February ... | 16'54 | 19'39 | 21'60 | 20'48 | 21'48 | 21'72 | 26'28 | 30'33 | ... |
| March ... | 15'78 | 19'53 | 19'44 | 18'00 | 21'75 | 22'33 | 24'22 | 33'20 | ... |
| April ... | 15'79 | 19'19 | 21'88 | 21'68 | 20'81 | 26'88 | 27'32 | 33'82 | ... |
| May ... | 17'46 | 20'72 | 19'56 | 21'45 | 22'24 | 25'21 | 30'33 | 35'61 | ... |
| June ... | 14'88 | 18'93 | 20'91 | 20'67 | 19'40 | 23'58 | 27'98 | 34'69 | ... |
| July ... | 15'28 | 19'17 | 19'81 | 20'87 | 22'01 | 25'74 | 27'82 | 35'28 | ... |
| August ... | 16'81 | 20'86 | 18'75 | 23'82 | 20'22 | 28'74 | 32'11 | 39'71 | ... |
| September ... | 19'44 | 19'59 | 19'93 | 21'46 | 23'72 | 28'97 | 32'00 | 39'15 | ... |
| October ... | 19'22 | 22'06 | 20'80 | 21'82 | 22'36 | 26'56 | 30'89 | 37'48 | ... |
| November ... | 17'53 | 19'54 | 21'07 | 20'30 | 39'13 | 24'65 | 32'66 | 39'41 | ... |
| December... | 18'32 | 20'98 | 19'61 | 22'84 | | 27'76 | 34'15 | 35'08 | ... |

11. RETAIL TRADE.

Returns collected by the Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank from the principal Sydney stores indicate the following increases or decreases per cent. for periods shown below compared with corresponding periods of previous year:—

| Period. | Number of Business Days in Period. | | Net Sales (Value). | Value of Stock. | Wages and Salaries Paid. | Number of Employees. | Three Monthly Moving Average ended month shown. | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|----------------------|---|--------------------------|
| | Previous Year. | Current Year. | | | | | Net Sales (Value). | Wages and Salaries Paid. |
| Percentage increase + or decrease — | | | | | | | | |
| Year. | | | | | | | | |
| 1939 | 303 | 303 | + 2'4 | + 2'0 | + 2'6 | + 0'9 | | |
| 1940 | 303 | 305 | + 6'3 | + 17'0 | + 4'0 | + 1'9 | | |
| 1941 | 305 | 304 | + 14'6 | + 8'0 | + 9'0 | + 4'0 | | |
| 1942 | 304 | 303 | — 5'3 | + 9'2 | — 5'1 | — 8'4 | | |
| 1943 | 303 | 306 | + 11'3 | — 6'8 | — 9'7 | — 17'6 | | |
| 1944 | 306 | 302 | + 3'2 | — 0'2 | — 4'6 | + 1'4 | | |
| 1945 | 302 | 301 | + 15'8 | + 11'1 | + 6'7 | + 5'0 | | |
| 1946 | 301 | 302 | + 32'2 | + 3'8 | + 28'0 | + 20'0 | | |
| 1947 | 302 | 302 | + 18'7 | + 32'5 | + 21'5 | + 8'6 | | |
| 1948 | 302 | 303 | + 16'3 | + 20'6 | + 20'6 | + 6'0 | | |
| 1948. | | | | | | | | |
| January | 25 | 25 | + 23'8 | + 24'1 | + 16'9 | + 6'3 | + 16'7 | + 19'7 |
| February | 24 | 24 | + 15'0 | + 23'5 | + 25'0 | + 8'6 | + 19'1 | + 21'3 |
| March | 26 | 24 | + 19'6 | + 20'8 | + 16'0 | + 7'0 | + 19'5 | + 19'1 |
| April | 22 | 25 | + 35'2 | + 29'4 | + 22'9 | + 8'4 | + 24'0 | + 21'1 |
| May | 27 | 26 | + 11'9 | + 26'4 | + 20'3 | + 8'4 | + 21'8 | + 19'7 |
| June | 24 | 25 | + 9'7 | + 26'6 | + 23'5 | + 7'2 | + 18'5 | + 22'2 |
| July | 27 | 27 | + 30'4 | + 19'0 | + 19'8 | + 5'7 | + 16'4 | + 21'1 |
| August | 26 | 26 | + 19'3 | + 17'1 | + 23'8 | + 5'8 | + 19'1 | + 22'3 |
| September | 26 | 26 | + 1'9 | + 17'3 | + 19'6 | + 3'9 | + 15'6 | + 21'1 |
| October | 26 | 25 | + 4'2 | + 15'6 | + 16'7 | + 3'3 | + 8'3 | + 20'0 |
| November | 25 | 26 | + 19'8 | + 13'6 | + 20'9 | + 5'7 | + 8'2 | + 19'1 |
| December | 24 | 24 | + 15'5 | + 11'9 | + 22'5 | + 2'8 | + 13'1 | + 20'3 |
| 1949. | | | | | | | | |
| January | 25 | 23 | + 12'2 | + 11'1 | + 21'4 | + 2'3 | + 16'0 | + 21'7 |

Further particulars of monthly employment in retail trade are shown in Table 28.

SECTION D.—TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC.

12. RAILWAYS.

NEW SOUTH WALES RAILWAYS REVENUE AND BUSINESS.

The financial results of operations were:—

| | Month of February. | | | Eight Months ended February. | | |
|----------|--------------------|--------------------|---|------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| | Gross Revenue. | Working Expenses.* | Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses | Gross Revenue. † | Working Expenses.* | Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses. |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 1947 ... | 2,381,075 | 2,140,373 | 240,702 | 20,316,118 | 16,446,302 | 3,869,816 |
| 1948 ... | 2,941,643 | 2,538,977 | 402,666 | 23,928,441 | 19,735,304 | 4,193,137 |
| 1949 ... | 3,187,910 | 2,999,421 | 188,489 | 26,161,303 | 22,703,548 | 3,457,755 |

* Excluding capital charges, such as interest, exchange, etc.

† Excluding Government contribution, £800,000 annually, for developmental lines.

| | Month of February. | | Eight Months ended February. | |
|----------|------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| | Tonnage of Goods (exc. Livestock). | Passenger Journeys. | Tonnage of Goods (exc. Livestock). | Passenger Journeys. |
| | thousands. | thousands. | thousands. | thousands. |
| 1947 ... | 1,294 | 20,420 | 11,131 | 171,124 |
| 1948 ... | 1,284 | 21,186 | 11,516 | 173,216 |
| 1949 ... | 1,381 | 21,003 | 11,472 | 174,258 |

Railway passenger fares and freight rates were increased from 13th August, 1947.

13. TRAMWAYS AND OMNIBUSES.

SERVICES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ROAD TRANSPORT, NEW SOUTH WALES.

| PERIOD. | SYDNEY AND SUBURBS. | | | | | NEWCASTLE AND SUBURBS. | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|---|------------------------|--------------------|---|
| | Earnings. | | | Working Expenses.* | Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses. | Earnings. | Working Expenses.* | Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses. |
| | Tram. | 'Bus. | Total. | | | | | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Month of February-- | | | | | | | | |
| 1947 ... | 318,200 | 112,000 | 430,200 | 437,100 | (-) 6,900 | 45,900 | 45,800 | 100 |
| 1948 ... | 399,800 | 187,900 | 587,700 | 590,200 | (-) 2,500 | 60,900 | 58,500 | 2,400 |
| 1949 ... | 403,900 | 261,800 | 665,700 | 566,400 | 99,300 | 73,700 | 58,700 | 15,000 |
| Eight Months ended February-- | | | | | | | | |
| 1947 ... | 2,694,200 | 944,500 | 3,638,700 | 3,646,100 | (-) 7,400 | 392,700 | 389,200 | 3,500 |
| 1948 ... | 3,351,100 | 1,346,600 | 4,697,700 | 4,579,200 | 118,500 | 495,300 | 486,100 | 9,200 |
| 1949 ... | 3,148,800 | 1,943,700 | 5,092,500 | 4,960,300 | 132,200 | 558,200 | 545,100 | 13,100 |

* Exclusive of Sinking Fund, Interest on Loan Capital, Exchange and Depreciation (Sydney and Newcastle), which amounted to £634,816 in year 1947-48.

Fares on tramways and Government omnibuses were increased from 1st July, 1947 and 29th November, 1948.

14. MOTOR VEHICLES.

NUMBER OF REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES (N.S.W.) AS AT VARIOUS DATES

(Exclusive of Vehicles of Defence Services.)

| Class. | 1939. | 1942. | 1945. | 1948. | | | 1949. | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| | 31st August. | 30th June.* | 31st August. | 29th February. | 31st August. | 31st December. | 31st January. | 28th February. |
| Cars ... | 216,633 | 169,916 | 185,665 | 207,727 | 218,010 | 225,412 | 226,618 | 228,014 |
| Lorries, Utilities and Vans ... | 77,639 | 71,248 | 84,257 | 123,463 | 129,805 | 134,620 | 135,364 | 135,932 |
| Tractors† ... | 1,102 | 1,366 | 1,787 | 2,960 | 3,610 | 3,996 | 4,056 | 4,121 |
| Cycles—Solo ... | 17,111 | 10,538 | 12,319 | 21,835 | 24,470 | 26,454 | 26,825 | 27,436 |
| Cycles—Side-car ... | 6,884 | 4,785 | 4,076 | 6,364 | 6,659 | 6,944 | 6,947 | 6,942 |
| Omnibuses‡ ... | 794 | 890 | 1,039 | 1,360 | 1,453 | 1,536 | 1,543 | 1,541 |
| Taxi-cabs‡ ... | 1,331 | 1,352 | 1,351 | 1,598 | 1,633 | 1,645 | 1,647 | 1,648 |
| Traders' Plates ... | 1,187 | 708 | 662 | 1,310 | 1,539 | 1,637 | 1,623 | 1,643 |
| Trailers ... | 6,538 | 6,965 | 9,187 | 17,669 | 18,726 | 20,181 | 20,624 | 20,835 |
| Total ... | 329,219 | 267,768 | 300,343 | 384,286 | 405,905 | 422,425 | 425,247 | 428,112 |

MONTHLY REGISTRATIONS OF NEW VEHICLES IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

(Ex-Service Vehicles are not included.)

| Period. | Number of New Vehicles Registered. | | | | | | | Total. |
|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|---------|--------------|--------------|-----------|--------|
| | Cars. | Lorries, Utilities and Vans. | Tractors. † | Cycles. | Omnibuses. ‡ | Taxi-cabs. ‡ | Trailers. | |
| Monthly Average— | | | | | | | | |
| 1937-1939 ... | 1,748 | 721 | 15 | 191 | 12 | 47 | 99 | 2,833 |
| 1942-1945 ... | 36 | 179 | 13 | 13 | 4 | 2 | 73 | 320 |
| 1946 ... | 320 | 404 | 25 | 170 | 4 | ... | 204 | 1,127 |
| 1947 ... | 1,018 | 633 | 31 | 265 | 23 | 5 | 250 | 2,225 |
| 1948 ... | 1,800 | 846 | 60 | 523 | 29 | 16 | 266 | 3,540 |
| Month— | | | | | | | | |
| 1948—February | 1,265 | 662 | 42 | 413 | 4 | 10 | 198 | 2,594 |
| March ... | 1,398 | 690 | 55 | 518 | 24 | 16 | 221 | 2,922 |
| June ... | 1,852 | 912 | 68 | 418 | 28 | 19 | 150 | 3,447 |
| September | 2,253 | 1,099 | 77 | 520 | 53 | 15 | 232 | 4,249 |
| October ... | 2,096 | 936 | 68 | 548 | 34 | 27 | 245 | 3,954 |
| November.. | 1,795 | 975 | 72 | 669 | 50 | 21 | 309 | 3,891 |
| December... | 1,783 | 996 | 49 | 701 | 31 | 16 | 692 | 4,268 |
| 1949—January | 1,237 | 617 | 55 | 495 | 12 | 14 | 420 | 2,850 |
| February ... | 1,702 | 683 | 53 | 737 | 24 | 8 | 238 | 3,445 |

* Lowest wartime cars; lowest lorries and vans (70,724) in October, 1942. † Excluding tractors used on farms only.

‡ Metropolitan and Newcastle Districts only; similar vehicles in other districts are included as cars.

15. WIRELESS LICENSES.

BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENSES IN FORCE IN N.S.W.

| End of Month. | 1939. | 1946. | 1947. | 1948. | 1949. |
|---------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. |
| January ... | 423,649 | 570,080 | 608,306 | 699,023 | 712,718 |
| February ... | 427,211 | 570,952 | 606,880 | 702,658 | 717,648 |
| March ... | 427,964 | 573,205 | 616,114 | 702,890 | ... |
| April ... | 428,848 | 576,218 | 618,385 | 710,944 | ... |
| May ... | 431,149 | 575,144 | 663,518 | 693,550 | ... |
| June ... | 433,029 | 575,864 | 679,505 | 699,259 | ... |
| July ... | 433,972 | 580,747 | 686,633 | 703,745 | ... |
| August ... | 431,029 | 583,172 | 691,944 | 703,963 | ... |
| September ... | 432,795 | 585,985 | 698,312 | 704,106 | ... |
| October ... | 435,573 | 588,321 | 698,539 | 705,866 | ... |
| November ... | 440,335 | 591,001 | 698,416 | 712,152 | ... |
| December ... | 441,934 | 598,643 | 703,577 | 710,542 | ... |

SECTION E.—FINANCIAL.

16. COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

EIGHT MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY.

| Revenue. | 1948. | 1949. | Expenditure. | 1948. | 1949. |
|----------------------------|------------|--------|------------------------------|------------|--------|
| Taxes— | million £. | | Social Services*— | million £. | |
| Customs and Excise ... | 77'84 | 82'80 | Invalid, Age Pensions ... | 24'18 | 26'10 |
| Sales | 22'69 | 25'74 | Widows' Pensions ... | 2'61 | 2'87 |
| Income and Social Services | 117'54 | 116'84 | Child Endowment ... | 13'20 | 15'58 |
| Payroll | 10'74 | 12'92 | Hospital Benefits ... | 2'95 | 3'56 |
| Estate | 2'83 | 2'61 | Other | 2'87 | 2'90 |
| Entertainments ... | 3'41 | 3'42 | Payments to States ... | 13'75 | 15'86 |
| Other | 1'63 | 1'16 | Tax Reimbursed to States | 23'67 | 28'50 |
| Total Taxes | 236'68 | 245'49 | Post Office | 18'64 | 23'22 |
| Post Office | 20'66 | 21'41 | Other | 55'83 | 84'86 |
| Other | 10'47 | 40'39 | Defence and Post-War ... | 104'62 | 119'18 |
| Total Revenue ... | 267'81 | 307'29 | Total Expenditure ... | 262'32 | 322'63 |

* Actual Expenditure from National Welfare Fund.

Expenditure from Loan Fund (other than Defence and Post-War which is included above) in the eight months ended February, consisted of advances to States for Housing, £7,200,000 in 1948, and £9,232,000 in 1949.

17. N.S.W. GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

EIGHT MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY.

| Revenue. | 1948. | 1949. | Expenditure. | 1948. | 1949. |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| | £000 | £000 | | £000 | £000 |
| From Commonwealth— | | | Interest, Exchange and Sink- | | |
| Towards Interest ... | 1,945 | 1,945 | ing Fund | 10,926 | 11,010 |
| Reimbursement of Taxes... | 9,892 | 11,745 | Less—Recoups from other | | |
| Hospital Benefits ... | 786 | 800 | Activities | 1,054 | 1,066 |
| Stamp and Probate Duty ... | 4,690 | 5,356 | Net Debt Charges ... | 9,872 | 9,944 |
| Other Taxes | 1,095 | 1,407 | Other than Debt Charges— | | |
| Land | 1,379 | 1,422 | Governmental | 19,472 | 22,424 |
| Services | 1,106 | 1,253 | Business Undertakings ... | 25,633 | 28,596 |
| Other | 2,777 | 3,249 | | | |
| Total Governmental | 23,670 | 27,177 | | | |
| Business Undertakings ... | 29,852 | 32,710 | | | |
| Total Revenue ... | 53,522 | 59,887 | Total Expenditure ... | 54,977 | 60,964 |

Loan expenditure on works and services during the eight months ended February was gross £11,346,000 and net (i.e., gross less repayments to loan account) £10,997,000 in 1949, compared with gross £9,429,000 and net £8,577,000 in 1948.

18. NINE TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ASSETS IN AUSTRALIA.

Deposits and assets in *Australia* of the nine banks which transact most of the private banking business in N.S.W. are shown below; the amounts are monthly averages of weekly figures.

| Month. | Deposits. | Cash Items.* | Treasury Bills. | Government and Municipal Securities. | Special Deposits with Commonwealth Bank. | Advances, etc. |
|-----------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|--|----------------|
| million £. | | | | | | |
| 1939—June ... | 318·0 | 28·6 | 23·9 | 22·1 | | 291·7 |
| 1940 " ... | 345·4 | 31·1 | 38·3 | 43·7 | | 289·9 |
| 1941 " ... | 360·0 | 33·3 | 36·1 | 61·9 | | 283·7 |
| 1942 " ... | 387·9 | 40·4 | 39·6 | 56·3 | 36·4 | 268·3 |
| 1943 " ... | 453·5 | 33·4 | 50·8 | 75·7 | 102·9 | 246·0 |
| 1944 " ... | 534·5 | 38·0 | 55·4 | 89·1 | 182·8 | 221·8 |
| 1945 " ... | 582·5 | 36·5 | 46·5 | 104·3 | 241·8 | 207·9 |
| 1946 " ... | 627·1 | 32·3 | 40·0 | 122·7 | 258·5 | 224·3 |
| 1947 " ... | 648·3 | 34·4 | 13·8 | 80·6 | 275·4 | 289·7 |
| 1948 " ... | 716·8 | 45·6 | 19·1 | 59·5 | 293·0 | 348·8 |
| 1947—November | 659·3 | 42·3 | 14·2 | 65·8 | 248·7 | 332·7 |
| December | 668·6 | 43·5 | 11·4 | 61·8 | 259·5 | 335·9 |
| 1948—January... | 673·2 | 45·5 | 16·9 | 59·9 | 264·1 | 336·7 |
| February | 686·6 | 43·5 | 21·4 | 59·1 | 269·4 | 337·2 |
| 1948—November | 764·1 | 49·3 | 28·6 | 60·5 | 286·8 | 373·6 |
| December | 788·6 | 50·3 | 30·0 | 61·2 | 304·6 | 371·5 |
| 1949—January† | 791·1† | 53·8 | 32·0 | 61·3 | 321·1 | 363·2† |
| February† | 813·3 | 51·4 | 32·1 | 62·0 | 344·1 | 363·2 |

* Excluding London Funds.

† Both deposits and advances were reduced by approx. £9 m., in January, 1949, owing to technical change in method of compilation by certain banks.

19. TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES—N.S.W. AND AUSTRALIA.

There are 14 trading banks in N.S.W., viz., 9 to which Table 18 relates, the Commonwealth Bank, Rural Bank and 3 oversea banks; four other banks operate in Australia but not in N.S.W.

| Month. | | Nine Trading Banks—N.S.W. | | | All Trading Banks. | | | | | |
|---------------|-----|-----------------------------|----------------------|--------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|--|
| | | Deposits. | | | Advances, etc. | New South Wales. | | Australia. | | |
| | | Not Bearing Interest. | Bearing Interest. | Total. | | Deposits. | Advances, etc. | Deposits. | Advances, etc. | |
| million £. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1946—June | ... | 163·1 | 74·1 | 237·2 | 90·6 | } | * | | * | |
| 1947—June | ... | 174·6 | 69·7 | 244·3 | 116·5 | | | | | |
| 1948—June | ... | 197·5 | 67·9 | 265·4 | 142·9 | | | | | |
| October | ... | 207·0 | 71·1 | 278·1 | 150·7 | | | | | |
| November | ... | 214·6 | 71·2 | 285·8 | 151·0 | 329·5 | 201·5 | 828·8 | 455·5 | |
| December | ... | 223·8 | 73·1 | 296·9 | 149·7 | 337·9 | 202·5 | 852·6 | 458·6 | |
| 1949—January† | ... | 223·6 | 73·9 | 297·5 | 139·9 | 351·2 | 202·3 | 880·0 | 458·6 | |
| February† | ... | 227·5 | 73·7 | 301·2 | 140·9 | 353·7 | 194·1 | 885·5 | 453·5 | |
| | | | | | | 358·3 | 195·7 | 909·9 | 454·9 | |

* Comparable figures for "All Trading Banks" are not available prior to October, 1948.

† Not strictly comparable with December, 1948, and previous months. See note † Table 18.

20. SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS (NEW SOUTH WALES).*

| As at 30th June. | Amount of Deposits,† | End of Month. | Amount of Deposits. | | | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | | | 1945. | 1946. | 1947. | 1948. | 1949. |
| | £000 | | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| 1937 ... | 81,952 | January | 181,801 | 224,705 | 230,924 | 231,430 | 238,564 |
| 1938 ... | 86,016 | February | 184,725 | 228,711 | 230,544 | 232,182 | 240,000 |
| 1939 ... | 87,474 | March | 187,894 | 230,420 | 229,665 | 232,712 | ... |
| 1940 ... | 82,111 | April ... | 189,566 | 230,920 | 229,328 | 232,788 | ... |
| 1941 ... | 87,750 | May ... | 192,884 | 232,221 | 228,549 | 233,034 | ... |
| 1942 ... | 94,538 | June† | 198,203 | 236,242 | 231,368 | 236,964 | ... |
| 1943 ... | 122,405 | July ... | 200,932 | 237,305 | 231,530 | 237,265 | ... |
| 1944 ... | 162,867 | August ... | 204,794 | 236,985 | 231,070 | 236,910 | ... |
| 1945 ... | 198,203 | September | 207,520 | 235,806 | 232,654 | 237,246 | ... |
| 1946 ... | 236,242 | October | 209,906 | 234,804 | 232,568 | 237,831 | ... |
| 1947 ... | 231,368 | November | 214,806 | 233,006 | 231,775 | 238,031 | ... |
| 1948 ... | 236,964 | December | 219,560 | 231,311 | 231,250 | 237,924 | ... |

* Amount at credit of depositors' accounts.

† Including accrued interest.

SAVINGS CERTIFICATES: The net amount received from sales of certificates, less re-purchases, in New South Wales was £27,335,163 at 31st January, 1949, including £52,293 net receipts in January.

21. INTER-BANK CLEARINGS (SYDNEY).

(Value of cheques drawn on a Bank other than the Bank in which they were Deposited.)

| Month. | 1939. | 1944. | 1945. | 1946. | 1947. | 1948. | 1949. | 1939. | 1944. | 1945. | 1946. | 1947. | 1948. | 1949. |
|---------------|------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Amount—Million £ | | | | | | | Index Numbers | | | | | | |
| January ... | 66.5 | 107.5 | 114.2 | 120.1 | 142.2 | 171.3 | 191.4 | 98 | 150 | 152 | 154 | 196 | 236 | 282 |
| February ... | 75.5 | 121.2 | 114.1 | 131.8 | 150.2 | 182.0 | 213.2 | 96 | 147 | 149 | 157 | 194 | 231 | 274 |
| March ... | 80.5 | 130.1 | 123.4 | 144.1 | 170.0 | 196.4 | 238.0 | 93 | 146 | 145 | 164 | 193 | 230 | 269 |
| April ... | 70.7 | 108.4 | 126.2 | 138.9 | 181.8 | 205.9 | ... | 98 | 150 | 154 | 176 | 218 | 253 | ... |
| May ... | 82.0 | 143.5 | 132.6 | 156.7 | 186.4 | 233.1 | ... | 100 | 158 | 160 | 184 | 229 | 269 | ... |
| June ... | 80.3 | 140.1 | 136.0 | 159.2 | 176.9 | 230.1 | ... | 101 | 166 | 169 | 195 | 236 | 289 | ... |
| July ... | 71.2 | 122.9 | 129.7 | 174.9 | 183.5 | 230.3 | ... | 98 | 168 | 167 | 206 | 229 | 291 | ... |
| August ... | 74.9 | 127.4 | 121.0 | 157.3 | 162.4 | 199.3 | ... | 99 | 169 | 168 | 214 | 227 | 287 | ... |
| September ... | 74.9 | 120.9 | 123.4 | 159.4 | 177.0 | 229.7 | ... | 99 | 163 | 166 | 217 | 232 | 293 | ... |
| October ... | 78.0 | 123.7 | 140.4 | 182.2 | 197.3 | 238.2 | ... | 100 | 159 | 166 | 216 | 234 | 291 | ... |
| November ... | 86.1 | 126.3 | 129.7 | 164.1 | 203.8 | 237.2 | ... | 102 | 153 | 164 | 211 | 243 | 298 | ... |
| December ... | 91.7 | 127.6 | 121.7 | 165.6 | 192.2 | 246.5 | ... | 106 | 152 | 159 | 208 | 243 | 296 | ... |
| Year ... | 932.3 | 1499.6 | 1512.4 | 1854.3 | 2123.7 | 2600.0 | ... | 100 | 156 | 160 | 196 | 226 | 277 | ... |

The index may be regarded as an approximate measure of changes in the volume of business transactions settled by cheques provided it is considered in conjunction with changes in price levels. It represents the ratio of each month's clearings to the average for the month concerned during the five years 1926-1930. This average is represented by 100 each month. Seasonal fluctuations have thus been eliminated. Casual fluctuations in monthly index numbers have been smoothed out by taking a three months' moving average, that is, the index shown above for each month is the average of the actual index of that month and the preceding two months. It may be compared vertically or horizontally.

The index is adjusted to eliminate the effects of Treasury Bill and other special transactions on behalf of Governments and the effects of bank amalgamations. No adjustment has been made for normal growth or change of price levels. The amounts of clearings shown are the recorded totals less Treasury Bill transactions only.

22. LIFE ASSURANCE—NEW POLICIES ISSUED (N.S.W.).

(Exclusive of Annuities.)

| Period. | Ordinary Department. | | Industrial Department. | | Total Sum Assured. |
|---------------------|----------------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| | No. of Policies. | Sum Assured. | No. of Policies. | Sum Assured. | |
| | | £ | | £ | £ |
| 1939—Year | 50,520 | 18,179,537 | 156,787 | 7,539,660 | 25,719,197 |
| 1944 „ | 51,278 | 21,037,984 | 110,560 | 7,062,191 | 28,100,175 |
| 1945 „ | 53,927 | 23,998,758 | 109,862 | 7,512,997 | 31,511,755 |
| 1946 „ | 81,677 | 38,077,853 | 128,266 | 9,803,114 | 47,880,967 |
| 1947 „ | 96,661 | 43,592,919 | 115,802 | 10,475,719 | 54,068,638 |
| 1948 „ | 96,519 | 47,449,337 | 114,482 | 11,069,677 | 58,519,014 |
| 1948—January | 4,055 | 1,872,270 | 4,867 | 462,218 | 2,334,488 |
| October | 6,862 | 3,320,373 | 8,479 | 826,742 | 4,147,115 |
| November | 7,804 | 3,654,829 | 10,546 | 1,029,206 | 4,684,035 |
| December | 10,948 | 6,451,603 | 5,345 | 528,959 | 6,980,562 |
| 1949—January | 3,696 | 2,020,319 | 4,981 | 499,753 | 2,520,072 |

The operations of the Government Insurance Office of N.S.W. are included above.

23. NEW LOANS GRANTED BY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES (N.S.W.).

(Exclusive of advances of premiums.)

| Period. | On Mortgage of Real Estate. | On Companies' Policies. | Other. | Total. |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 1947—Year | 2,799,175 | 788,685 | 1,452,174 | 5,040,034 |
| 1948 „ | 5,828,463 | 861,255 | 2,539,578 | 9,229,296 |
| 1948—January | 721,307 | 52,423 | 177,059 | 950,789 |
| October | 302,541 | 67,919 | 150,254 | 520,714 |
| November | 1,113,661 | 73,716 | 178,306 | 1,365,683 |
| December | 579,944 | 74,294 | 356,242 | 1,010,480 |
| 1949—January | 437,077 | 49,088 | 124,812 | 610,977 |

The Government Insurance Office of N.S.W. is not included.

24. STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX (SYDNEY).

The following index of the values of the principal Company shares on Sydney Stock Exchange embraces the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales.

The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average of all the shares included in the groups with the addition of 24 miscellaneous shares. There is no base period as the index represents the ratio per cent. of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values, adjustment being made where capital is written off or bonus shares are issued.

| Month. | 23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies. | 10 Retail Companies. | 8 Public Utility Companies. | 5 Pastoral and Finance Companies. | 5 Insurance Companies. | Total* Companies 75. | 34 Active Shares included in foregoing. |
|------------|--|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| 1929—April | 179·3 | 183·8 | 129·4 | 174·1 | 243·5 | 174·4 | 172·6 |
| 1931—Sept. | 72·3 | 60·2 | 87·9 | 75·2 | 121·3 | 74·4 | 77·2 |
| 1937—Mar. | 213·8 | 203·8 | 181·0 | 169·2 | 281·2 | 190·4 | 200·5 |
| 1945—Sept. | 242·7 | 207·8 | 170·8 | 146·7 | 264·6 | 195·8 | 210·3 |
| 1948—Mar. | 345·3 | 305·6 | 179·7 | 173·7 | 401·6 | 260·5 | 268·4 |
| June | 362·7 | 319·6 | 177·2 | 187·6 | 407·0 | 267·7 | 279·4 |
| July | 363·4 | 322·1 | 175·0 | 185·2 | 409·2 | 267·6 | 280·0 |
| Aug. | 361·4 | 319·9 | 172·8 | 183·7 | 414·9 | 266·0 | 277·6 |
| Sept. | 359·6 | 316·0 | 173·1 | 184·5 | 414·6 | 264·2 | 276·1 |
| Oct. | 354·9 | 315·2 | 173·5 | 180·2 | 419·1 | 262·3 | 273·0 |
| Nov. | 355·0 | 312·0 | 172·5 | 183·0 | 424·3 | 262·4 | 272·9 |
| Dec. | 351·7 | 301·0 | 172·6 | 180·6 | 431·0 | 259·4 | 268·2 |
| 1949—Jan. | 354·8 | 295·7 | 172·5 | 182·2 | 438·5 | 259·5 | 269·7 |
| Feb. | 352·1 | 294·8 | 167·6 | 184·1 | 448·7 | 258·3 | 266·9 |
| Mar. | 345·1 | 288·3 | 165·2 | 180·6 | 464·1 | 254·6 | 262·2 |

* Including 24 Miscellaneous Companies. § The highest point of the index (75 Companies) prior to the slump was reached in April, 1929; the lowest point was in September, 1931. The highest point of the pre-war period was in March, 1937.

25. INTEREST RATES PER CENT. (N.S.W.).

| Period. | Private First Mortgages Registered.* | | Yield on Commonwealth Government Securities.† | | Trading Banks—Rates on Fixed Deposits. | | | |
|-------------------|--|----------------------|--|------------------------------|---|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| | Urban Securities. | Rural Securities. | Short- dated. | Long- dated. | 3 Months. | 6 Months. | 12 Months. | 24 Months.‡ |
| Average for year— | | | Under 5 years (a). | 10 years and over (a). | | | | |
| 1938 | 5'4 | 5'0 | 3'38 | 3'76 | 2'00 | 2'50 | 2'75 | 3'00 |
| 1939 | 5'6 | 5'2 | 3'84 | 3'02 | 2'00 | 2'50 | 2'75 | 3'00 |
| 1940 | 5'6 | 5'1 | 3'14 | 3'30 | 1'58 | 2'08 | 2'33 | 2'58 |
| 1941 | 5'5 | 4'9 | 2 years (b). 2'47 | 12 years (b). 3'23 | 1'50 | 1'92 | 2'17 | 2'42 |
| 1942 | 5'4 | 4'9 | 2'45 | 3'24 | 1'29 | 1'54 | 1'79 | 2'04 |
| 1943 | 5'0 | 4'7 | 2'48 | 3'23 | 1'25 | 1'50 | 1'75 | 2'00 |
| 1944 | 5'0 | 4'4 | 2'45 | 3'24 | 0'79 | 1'04 | 1'40 | 1'90 |
| 1945 | 4'8 | 4'4 | 2'47 | 3'25 | 0'50 | 0'75 | 1'23 | 1'73‡ |
| 1946 | 4'5 | 4'3 | 1'90 | 3'24 | 0'50 | 0'75 | 1'00 | 1'50 |
| 1947 | 4'4 | 4'3 | 2'12 | 3'17 | 0'50 | 0'75 | 1'00 | 1'50 |
| 1948 | 4'4 | 4'3 | 2'27 | 3'16 | 0'50 | 0'75 | 1'00 | 1'50 |
| Months— | | | | | | | | |
| 1948—February ... | 4'4 | 4'2 | 2'46 | 3'18 | 0'50 | 0'75 | 1'00 | 1'50 |
| March | 4'4 | 4'3 | 2'40 | 3'16 | 0'50 | 0'75 | 1'00 | 1'50 |
| June | 4'4 | 4'3 | 2'34 | 3'16 | 0'50 | 0'75 | 1'00 | 1'50 |
| September ... | 4'4 | 4'3 | 2'13 | 3'15 | 0'50 | 0'75 | 1'00 | 1'50 |
| October | 4'4 | 4'3 | 1'70 | 3'15 | 0'50 | 0'75 | 1'00 | 1'50 |
| November ... | 4'4 | 4'3 | 2'10 | 3'13 | 0'50 | 0'75 | 1'00 | 1'50 |
| December ... | 4'4 | 4'3 | 2'25 | 3'16 | 0'50 | 0'75 | 1'00 | 1'50 |
| 1949—January ... | 4'4 | 4'3 | 2'25 | 3'14 | 0'50 | 0'75 | 1'00 | 1'50 |
| February ... | 4'4 | 4'3 | 2'35 | 3'16 | 0'50 | 0'75 | 1'00 | 1'50 |

* Weighted average rate of interest. Monthly rate is average of three months ended month shown.

† Compiled by Commonwealth Bank as at last Wednesday in month. Interest on securities is subject to Commonwealth Income Tax (a) at rates not exceeding those in 1930, (b) at current rates.

‡ From December, 1945, rate on first £10,000 of deposits 1'50 per cent., on excess 1 per cent.

26. REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS (N.S.W.).

(Registered under Real Property Act and Registration of Deeds Act.)

| Month | Consideration of Sales. | | | | | | Amount of Mortgages.* | | | | | |
|-----------------|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-----------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| | 1939. | 1945. | 1946. | 1947. | 1948. | 1949. | 1939. | 1945. | 1946. | 1947. | 1948. | 194 |
| | Thousand £. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 2,449 | 1,786 | 2,246 | 4,576 | 4,895 | 4,749 | 1,591 | 608 | 1,268 | 1,858 | 3,671 | 2,199 |
| February | 2,438 | 1,999 | 2,357 | 4,729 | 4,825 | 4,475 | 1,841 | 593 | 1,179 | 2,031 | 2,400 | 2,838 |
| March | 3,623 | 2,059 | 2,726 | 4,395 | 4,640 | 6,242 | 2,225 | 688 | 1,047 | 2,005 | 2,441 | 3,477 |
| April | 2,245 | 1,663 | 3,832 | 3,593 | 5,244 | ... | 2,025 | 526 | 1,431 | 1,674 | 2,551 | ... |
| May | 3,090 | 2,204 | 4,697 | 4,763 | 5,137 | ... | 2,112 | 606 | 1,641 | 2,299 | 2,266 | ... |
| June | 2,613 | 2,373 | 3,593 | 4,617 | 4,911 | ... | 1,658 | 864 | 1,708 | 2,079 | 3,550 | ... |
| July | 2,919 | 2,726 | 4,905 | 5,335 | 4,617 | ... | 1,950 | 902 | 1,622 | 2,484 | 2,244 | ... |
| August | 3,068 | 2,238 | 5,670 | 5,346 | 5,137 | ... | 2,770 | 861 | 2,352 | 2,085 | 2,307 | ... |
| September ... | 2,934 | 2,684 | 6,440 | 4,988 | 4,842 | ... | 1,513 | 1,005 | 2,328 | 2,378 | 2,338 | ... |
| October | 2,330 | 3,260 | 5,826 | 4,843 | 4,904 | ... | 1,713 | 1,128 | 2,161 | 2,641 | 2,560 | ... |
| November ... | 2,381 | 3,106 | 5,180 | 4,978 | 5,514 | ... | 1,702 | 1,072 | 2,163 | 2,238 | 2,718 | ... |
| December ... | 2,067 | 2,195 | 4,105 | 5,061 | 4,796 | ... | 1,344 | 899 | 2,473 | 2,220 | 2,417 | ... |
| Year | 32,157 | 28,293 | 50,677 | 57,224 | 59,462 | ... | 22,444 | 9,752 | 21,373 | 25,992 | 31,463 | ... |

* Including new mortgages and renewals as registered.

NOTE.—The amounts shown relate substantially to mortgages of fixed amounts for fixed periods, and exclude discounting advances (such as overdrafts) secured by mortgage. Mortgages providing collateral security are included.

27. LIENS ON CROPS AND WOOL AND MORTGAGES ON LIVESTOCK.

(Registered under Liens on Crops and Wool and Stock Mortgages Act.)

| | Month of March. | | | Three Months ended 31st March. | | |
|-------------|-----------------|---------|-------------|--------------------------------|---------|-------------|
| | Crops. | Wool.* | Livestock.* | Crops | Wool.* | Livestock.* |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 1947 | 98,853 | 182,289 | 124,413 | 360,527 | 437,957 | 264,480 |
| 1948 | 29,726 | 211,926 | 169,026 | 63,952 | 514,512 | 530,623 |
| 1949 | 31,100 | 170,609 | 235,557 | 56,715 | 423,939 | 574,809 |

See note under Table 26.

* Loans secured by both lien on wool and mortgage on sheep are included under both headings.

SECTION F.—GENERAL.

28. EMPLOYMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

The estimates shown below are based on the Census of 1933 and subsequent quasi-censuses (e.g. Civilian Register, 1943 and Occupation Survey, 1945), and returns supplied monthly by governmental authorities and since July, 1941, by employers for purposes of Commonwealth Pay-roll Tax. Wage earners in rural industry, female domestics in private households, members of defence forces at home or abroad, and Government "relief" workers are not included.

| Month. | Total Employees. (Excluding Rural Workers and Household Domestics.) | | | Employees in Main Industrial Groups. | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---|----------|--------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|--|---|------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| | Governmental. | Private. | Total. | Mining and Quarry- ing. | Fac- tories. (b) | Building and Con- struc- tion. | Transport and Communi- cation. | Retail Trade. | Commerce and Finance. | Professional and Personal Services. |
| | (a) | (b) | (b) | | | | | | | (c) |
| MALES. (Thousands.) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1933—June ... | 103.2 | 277.4 | 380.6 | 18.1 | 94.5 | 55.1 | 65.0 | 78.4 | | 44.2 |
| 1939—July ... | 136.5 | 393.4 | 529.9 | 24.7 | 158.8 | 57.9 | 77.4 | | 59.0 | 56.6 |
| 1941—July ... | 141.5 | 406.2 | 547.7 | 26.0 | 202.1 | 54.0 | 76.8 | 44.0 | 43.6 | 49.3 |
| 1943—July ... | 156.9 | 365.2 | 522.1 | 25.1 | 217.8 | 30.1 | 79.9 | 28.7 | 33.4 | 39.6 |
| 1944—July ... | 152.2 | 372.0 | 524.2 | 24.4 | 217.6 | 28.2 | 82.3 | 28.5 | 34.0 | 42.6 |
| 1945—July ... | 156.7 | 384.5 | 541.2 | 24.7 | 216.6 | 34.2 | 86.0 | 30.2 | 35.6 | 45.8 |
| 1946—July ... | 169.8 | 455.6 | 625.4 | 25.7 | 239.7 | 45.1 | 97.3 | 42.1 | 51.2 | 57.0 |
| 1947—July ... | 179.0 | 497.7 | 676.7 | 26.7 | 255.7 | 57.0 | 102.7 | 46.6 | 56.7 | 62.9 |
| 1948—Feb. ... | 182.9 | 511.0 | 693.9 | 27.6 | 262.8 | 58.1 | 105.3 | 48.6 | 58.6 | 65.2 |
| April ... | 185.3 | 513.9 | 699.2 | 27.8 | 264.3 | 59.3 | 107.3 | 49.2 | 59.8 | 64.4 |
| May ... | 185.8 | 514.2 | 700.0 | 27.8 | 264.4 | 60.1 | 107.0 | 49.4 | 59.3 | 64.9 |
| June ... | 186.1 | 516.1 | 702.2 | 28.1 | 265.2 | 60.1 | 107.9 | 49.2 | 59.3 | 64.7 |
| July ... | 186.8 | 515.4 | 702.2 | 28.1 | 265.3 | 61.1 | 107.4 | 49.4 | 59.0 | 64.5 |
| Aug ... | 187.3 | 516.5 | 703.8 | 28.0 | 265.3 | 61.6 | 107.3 | 49.6 | 59.4 | 64.6 |
| Sept. ... | 187.8 | 517.0 | 704.8 | 28.1 | 265.8 | 61.4 | 107.6 | 49.3 | 60.1 | 64.8 |
| Oct. ... | 188.0 | 516.7 | 704.7 | 26.4 | 265.3 | 61.9 | 108.3 | 49.4 | 60.5 | 64.8 |
| Nov. ... | 188.7 | 519.4 | 708.1 | 27.3 | 266.4 | 62.2 | 107.7 | 50.6 | 60.8 | 64.8 |
| Dec. ... | 189.9 | 520.4 | 710.3 | 27.6 | 265.8 | 61.5 | 108.3 | 52.6 | 61.1 | 65.0 |
| 1949—Jan. ... | 190.5 | 521.8 | 712.3 | 26.9 | 268.4 | 62.4 | 108.5 | 50.6 | 61.4 | 65.3 |
| Feb. ... | 191.5 | 524.8 | 716.3 | 27.6 | 269.9 | 62.7 | 109.5 | 50.0 | 61.8 | 66.0 |
| FEMALES. (Thousands.) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1933—June ... | 16.8 | 109.0 | 125.8 | 0.1 | 36.3 | 0.3 | 3.7 | 33.6 | 8.5 | 49.4 |
| 1939—July ... | 19.4 | 148.6 | 168.0 | 0.1 | 59.3 | 0.5 | 4.2 | | | 49.1 |
| 1941—July ... | 21.7 | 196.6 | 218.3 | 0.2 | 76.0 | 0.7 | 8.2 | 41.0 | 17.8 | 60.8 |
| 1943—July ... | 46.1 | 207.7 | 253.8 | 0.2 | 94.6 | 0.7 | 12.9 | 38.5 | 20.6 | 65.9 |
| 1944—July ... | 45.6 | 205.4 | 251.0 | 0.2 | 91.6 | 0.7 | 13.8 | 36.3 | 20.7 | 67.7 |
| 1945—July ... | 43.4 | 203.3 | 246.7 | 0.2 | 85.7 | 0.7 | 14.5 | 37.5 | 21.1 | 69.6 |
| 1946—July ... | 32.8 | 210.2 | 243.0 | 0.2 | 83.1 | 0.9 | 12.9 | 39.2 | 21.1 | 73.3 |
| 1947—July ... | 32.3 | 220.6 | 252.9 | 0.2 | 86.8 | 1.0 | 12.8 | 40.9 | 22.3 | 77.1 |
| 1948—Feb. ... | 33.3 | 225.9 | 259.2 | 0.3 | 88.8 | 1.0 | 13.5 | 42.6 | 23.3 | 79.3 |
| April ... | 33.2 | 226.4 | 259.6 | 0.2 | 90.6 | 1.0 | 13.2 | 42.7 | 23.4 | 79.6 |
| May ... | 33.6 | 227.1 | 260.7 | 0.2 | 89.8 | 1.1 | 13.6 | 42.9 | 23.5 | 79.6 |
| June ... | 33.6 | 228.3 | 261.9 | 0.2 | 90.2 | 1.1 | 13.9 | 43.0 | 23.8 | 79.6 |
| July ... | 33.4 | 229.3 | 262.7 | 0.2 | 91.1 | 1.1 | 13.8 | 42.8 | 24.5 | 79.2 |
| Aug. ... | 33.7 | 229.3 | 263.0 | 0.2 | 91.7 | 1.1 | 13.9 | 42.8 | 24.1 | 79.4 |
| Sept. ... | 33.7 | 232.0 | 265.7 | 0.2 | 92.6 | 1.1 | 13.9 | 43.1 | 24.5 | 80.4 |
| Oct. ... | 33.7 | 233.8 | 267.5 | 0.3 | 93.5 | 1.1 | 14.0 | 43.4 | 24.6 | 80.9 |
| Nov. ... | 33.9 | 235.8 | 269.7 | 0.3 | 93.9 | 1.1 | 14.0 | 44.8 | 24.8 | 81.0 |
| Dec. ... | 34.1 | 237.0 | 271.1 | 0.2 | 93.1 | 1.1 | 14.1 | 47.2 | 24.7 | 80.8 |
| 1949—Jan. ... | 34.4 | 232.0 | 266.4 | 0.3 | 90.7 | 1.1 | 14.2 | 44.3 | 24.7 | 81.2 |
| Feb. ... | 35.0 | 233.0 | 268.0 | 0.3 | 92.2 | 1.2 | 14.3 | 43.8 | 25.0 | 81.3 |
| PERSONS. (Thousands.) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1933—June ... | 120.0 | 386.4 | 506.4 | 18.2 | 130.8 | 55.4 | 68.7 | 112.0 | | 93.6 |
| 1939—July ... | 155.9 | 462.0 | 617.9 | 24.8 | 218.1 | 58.4 | 81.6 | 80.0 | 67.5 | 105.7 |
| 1941—July ... | 163.2 | 462.8 | 626.0 | 26.2 | 278.1 | 54.7 | 85.0 | 82.6 | 61.4 | 109.5 |
| 1943—July ... | 203.0 | 572.9 | 775.9 | 25.3 | 312.4 | 30.8 | 92.8 | 67.2 | 34.0 | 105.5 |
| 1944—July ... | 197.8 | 577.4 | 775.2 | 24.6 | 309.2 | 28.9 | 96.1 | 64.8 | 34.7 | 110.3 |
| 1945—July ... | 200.1 | 587.8 | 787.9 | 24.9 | 302.3 | 34.9 | 100.5 | 67.7 | 35.7 | 115.4 |
| 1946—July ... | 202.6 | 665.8 | 868.4 | 25.9 | 322.8 | 46.0 | 110.2 | 81.3 | 72.3 | 130.3 |
| 1947—July ... | 211.3 | 718.3 | 929.6 | 26.9 | 342.5 | 58.0 | 115.5 | 87.5 | 79.0 | 140.0 |
| 1948—Feb. ... | 216.2 | 736.9 | 953.1 | 27.9 | 351.6 | 59.1 | 118.8 | 91.2 | 81.9 | 144.5 |
| April ... | 218.5 | 740.3 | 958.8 | 28.0 | 354.9 | 60.3 | 120.5 | 91.9 | 83.2 | 144.0 |
| May ... | 219.4 | 741.3 | 960.7 | 28.0 | 354.2 | 61.2 | 120.6 | 92.3 | 82.8 | 144.5 |
| June ... | 219.7 | 744.4 | 964.1 | 28.3 | 355.4 | 61.2 | 121.8 | 92.2 | 83.1 | 144.3 |
| July ... | 220.2 | 744.7 | 964.9 | 28.3 | 356.4 | 62.2 | 121.2 | 92.2 | 83.5 | 143.7 |
| Aug. ... | 221.0 | 745.8 | 966.8 | 28.2 | 357.0 | 62.7 | 121.2 | 92.4 | 83.5 | 144.0 |
| Sept. ... | 221.5 | 749.0 | 970.5 | 28.3 | 358.4 | 62.5 | 121.5 | 92.4 | 84.6 | 145.2 |
| Oct. ... | 221.7 | 750.5 | 972.2 | 26.7 | 358.8 | 63.0 | 122.3 | 92.8 | 85.1 | 145.7 |
| Nov. ... | 222.6 | 755.2 | 977.8 | 27.6 | 360.3 | 63.3 | 121.7 | 95.4 | 85.6 | 145.8 |
| Dec. ... | 224.0 | 757.4 | 981.4 | 27.8 | 358.9 | 62.6 | 122.4 | 99.8 | 85.8 | 145.8 |
| 1949—Jan. ... | 224.9 | 753.8 | 978.7 | 27.2 | 359.1 | 63.5 | 122.7 | 94.9 | 86.1 | 146.5 |
| Feb. ... | 226.5 | 757.8 | 984.3 | 27.9 | 362.1 | 63.9 | 123.8 | 93.8 | 86.8 | 147.3 |

(a) Employees of Commonwealth, State and Local Governmental Authorities and of Allied Governments.

(b) Exclusive of Working Proprietors. From July, 1948, subject to revision.

(c) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services.

29. CONSUMPTION OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity (Sydney).
(Based on number of units each equal to 3.412 British Thermal Units.)

| Month. | Average, 1929 to 1931. | 1929. | 1932. | 1936. | 1939. | 1943 | 1944 | 1945. | 1946. | 1947. | 1948 | 1949 |
|---------------|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| January ... | 100 | 103 | 93 | 110 | 125 | 164 | 155 | 173 | 165 | 170 | 198 | 218 |
| February ... | 100 | 105 | 95 | 112 | 125 | 159 | 161 | 174 | 181 | 201 | 208 | 227 |
| March ... | 100 | 102 | 95 | 111 | 130 | 164 | 165 | 171 | 185 | 199 | 212 | ... |
| April ... | 100 | 104 | 96 | 110 | 125 | 164 | 162 | 172 | 189 | 198 | 218 | ... |
| May ... | 100 | 106 | 95 | 110 | 128 | 166 | 172 | 178 | 192 | 198 | 203 | ... |
| June ... | 100 | 103 | 99 | 114 | 131 | 174 | 176 | 176 | 197 | 208 | 214 | ... |
| July ... | 100 | 105 | 97 | 112 | 134 | 171 | 177 | 184 | 195 | 212 | 199 | ... |
| August ... | 100 | 106 | 97 | 107 | 135 | 181 | 181 | 177 | 195 | 212 | 214 | ... |
| September ... | 100 | 108 | 97 | 113 | 134 | 171 | 172 | 180 | 201 | 214 | 223 | ... |
| October ... | 100 | 109 | 96 | 113 | 135 | 162 | 169 | 174 | 203 | 211 | 216 | ... |
| November ... | 100 | 109 | 97 | 116 | 136 | 164 | 171 | 179 | 200 | 214 | 226 | ... |
| December ... | 100 | 105 | 99 | 116 | 131 | 163 | 169 | 123 | 180 | 214 | 222 | ... |
| Year ... | 100 | 105 | 96 | 112 | 131 | 167 | 170 | 172 | 191 | 204 | 213 | ... |

The base for each month is the average sales in the corresponding month of the three years, 1929 to 1931.

30. PRICES OF METALS.

Average Monthly Prices of Metals (Export Parity f.o.b. Australia) in Australian Currency.

| Period. | Silver (Standard). | | Lead. | | Zinc (Electrolytic). | | Tin (Standard). | | Gold (Fine). | |
|------------------|-----------------------|-------|----------|-------|-------------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| | per oz. | | per ton. | | per ton. | | per ton. | | per oz. | |
| | s. | d. | £ | s. d. | £ | s. d. | £ | s. d. | £ | s. d. |
| 1938 ... | 2 | 0.14 | 17 | 12 11 | 19 | 12 10 | 228 | 11 10 | 8 | 17 1 |
| 1939 ... | 2 | 1.42 | 17 | 12 1 | 19 | 15 3 | 268 | 3 6 | 9 | 14 4 |
| 1940 ... | 2 | 2.95 | 18 | 14 6 | 22 | 9 11 | 292 | 19 8 | 10 | 13 1 |
| 1941 ... | 2 | 4.26 | 19 | 11 4 | 22 | 12 11 | 295 | 1 6 | 10 | 13 8 |
| 1942 ... | 2 | 4.66 | 21 | 9 9 | 22 | 2 11 | 285 | 9 1 | 10 | 9 1 |
| 1943 ... | 2 | 4.63 | 22 | 19 2 | 23 | 15 2 | 283 | 1 6 | 10 | 9 0 |
| 1944 ... | 2 | 4.63 | 26 | 3 0 | 24 | 9 4 | 335 | 7 2 | 10 | 10 1 |
| 1945 ... | 2 | 10.59 | 34 | 10 10 | 37 | 6 4 | 350 | 9 0 | 10 | 13 10 |
| 1946 ... | 4 | 8.02 | 56 | 8 6 | 55 | 0 2 | 414 | 19 0 | 10 | 15 3 |
| 1947 ... | 4 | 4.27 | 40 | 2 0 | 67 | 6 4 | 505 | 12 2 | 10 | 15 3 |
| 1948 ... | 4 | 11.18 | 111 | 4 11 | 77 | 2 0 | 657 | 14 2 | 10 | 15 3 |
| 1947—May ... | 4 | 3.04 | 96 | 0 1 | 68 | 9 8 | 523 | 12 10 | 10 | 15 3 |
| June ... | 3 | 11.75 | 94 | 3 0 | 64 | 16 4 | 523 | 12 10 | 10 | 15 3 |
| July ... | 3 | 8.90 | 93 | 1 5 | 67 | 3 7 | 523 | 12 10 | 10 | 15 3 |
| August ... | 3 | 9.40 | 92 | 3 0 | 67 | 3 7 | 523 | 12 10 | 10 | 15 3 |
| September ... | 4 | 1.07 | 93 | 14 7 | 65 | 4 7 | 521 | 14 3 | 10 | 15 3 |
| October ... | 4 | 4.96 | 93 | 15 2 | 68 | 17 6 | 521 | 14 3 | 10 | 15 3 |
| November ... | 4 | 8.56 | 92 | 3 11 | 68 | 17 6 | 521 | 14 3 | 10 | 15 3 |
| December ... | 4 | 8.56 | 93 | 9 0 | 68 | 17 6 | 521 | 14 3 | 10 | 15 3 |
| 194—January ... | 4 | 7.85 | 94 | 13 3 | 68 | 17 6 | 612 | 5 3 | 10 | 15 3 |
| February ... | 4 | 7.58 | 92 | 3 9 | 68 | 17 6 | 622 | 13 4 | 10 | 15 3 |
| March ... | 4 | 9.87 | 98 | 6 4 | 68 | 17 6 | 622 | 13 4 | 10 | 15 3 |
| April ... | 4 | 9.87 | 102 | 5 3 | 79 | 10 0 | 622 | 13 4 | 10 | 15 3 |
| May ... | 4 | 9.87 | 103 | 11 5 | 79 | 10 0 | 622 | 13 4 | 10 | 15 3 |
| June ... | 5 | 3.07 | 109 | 16 2 | 79 | 10 0 | 684 | 4 6 | 10 | 15 3 |
| July ... | 4 | 6.06 | 116 | 12 2 | 79 | 10 0 | 684 | 4 6 | 10 | 15 3 |
| August ... | 5 | 1.66 | 116 | 19 10 | 79 | 10 0 | 684 | 4 6 | 10 | 15 3 |
| September ... | 5 | 1.94 | 115 | 0 8 | 79 | 15 5 | 684 | 4 6 | 10 | 15 3 |
| October ... | 5 | 2.23 | 127 | 9 4 | 81 | 8 4 | 684 | 4 6 | 10 | 15 3 |
| November ... | 5 | 1.65 | 126 | 10 11 | 80 | 3 4 | 684 | 4 6 | 10 | 15 3 |
| December ... | 5 | 0.50 | 131 | 9 7 | 79 | 14 11 | 684 | 4 6 | 10 | 15 3 |
| 1949—January ... | 4 | 9.61 | 140 | 1 8 | 119 | 15 0 | 684 | 4 6 | 10 | 15 3 |
| February ... | 4 | 10.76 | 140 | 2 10 | 119 | 13 5 | 683 | 16 5 | 10 | 15 3 |

31. RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—SYDNEY.

(Base: Weighted Average for 6 Capital Cities in 1923-27 = 1,000.)

| Quarter. | Food and Groceries. | Rent—4 and 5 rooms. | Clothing. | Miscellaneous Items. | Total Household Expenditure. | |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------|----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | | Index Number. | Increase from Sept. Quarter, 1939 |
| | | | | | | Per cent. |
| 1939—September ... | 930 | 1,039 | 841 | 939 | 933 | ... |
| 1940—September ... | 945 | 1,042 | 948 | 996 | 973 | 4'3 |
| 1941—September ... | 947 | 1,043 | 1,129 | 1,062 | 1,027 | 10'1 |
| 1942—September ... | 1,061 | 1,042 | 1,337 | 1,105 | 1,122 | 20'3 |
| 1943—March* ... | 1,050 | 1,042 | 1,408 | 1,145 | 1,141 | 22'3 |
| June† ... | 1,065 | 1,042 | 1,479 | 1,162 | 1,165 | 24'9 |
| 1944—June ... | 1,025 | 1,043 | 1,437 | 1,172 | 1,143 | 22'5 |
| 1945—September ... | 1,042 | 1,043 | 1,412 | 1,163 | 1,142 | 22'4 |
| December ... | 1,029 | 1,043 | 1,459 | 1,163 | 1,147 | 22'9 |
| 1946—March ... | 1,035 | 1,043 | 1,403 | 1,167 | 1,151 | 23'4 |
| June... ... | 1,042 | 1,043 | 1,510 | 1,171 | 1,165 | 24'9 |
| September ... | 1,032 | 1,043 | 1,537 | 1,168 | 1,167 | 25'1 |
| December ... | 1,047 | 1,043 | 1,555 | 1,175 | 1,177 | 26'2 |
| 1947—March ... | 1,097 | 1,044 | 1,532 | 1,186 | 1,192 | 27'8 |
| June ... | 1,096 | 1,044 | 1,540 | 1,187 | 1,194 | 28'0 |
| September ... | 1,109 | 1,044 | 1,579 | 1,244 | 1,218 | 30'5 |
| December ... | 1,139 | 1,045 | 1,639 | 1,245 | 1,242 | 33'1 |
| 1948—March ... | 1,192 | 1,046 | 1,674 | 1,247 | 1,270 | 36'1 |
| June ... | 1,235 | 1,046 | 1,748 | 1,267 | 1,305 | 39'9 |
| September ... | 1,279 | 1,047 | 1,811 | 1,279 | 1,337 | 43'3 |
| December ... | 1,326 | 1,047 | 1,831 | 1,279 | 1,359 | 45'7 |
| 1949—March ... | 1,350 | 1,048 | 1,891 | 1,334 | 1,391 | 49'1 |

* Price stabilisation level.

† War-time peak.

32. BASIC WAGE—INDUSTRIAL AWARDS.

Amount per week—Adult Males.

| Year. | Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong—Port Kembla.* | | | | Crown Employees (All Districts). | | | |
|------------|---|-------|---------|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------|---------|------------------|
| | February. | May. | August. | November. | February. | May. | August. | November. |
| | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. |
| † 1939 ... | 81 0 | 82 0 | 81 0 | 82 0 | 80 0 | 80 0 | 80 0 | 80 0 |
| 1940 ... | 82 0 | 83 0 | 85 0 | 85 0 | 81 0 | 81 0 | 83 0 | 84 0 |
| 1941 ... | 88 0 | 88 0 | 89 0 | 89 0 | 86 0 | 87 0 | 87 0 | 88 0 |
| 1942 ... | 91 0 | 93 0 | 95 0 | 97 0 | 90 0 | 92 0 | 94 0 | 96 0 |
| 1943 ... | 98 0 | 98 0 | 100 0 | 99 0 | 97 0 | 97 0 | 99 0 | 98 0 |
| 1944 ... | 99 0 | 99 0 | 99 0 | 99 0 | 97 0 | 97 0 | 97 0 | 98 0 |
| 1945 ... | 99 0 | 98 0 | 98 0 | 99 0 | 97 0 | 97 0 | 97 0 | 97 0 |
| 1946 ... | 99 0 | 99 0 | 100 0 | { 101 0 108 0† | 98 0 | 98 0 | 99 0 | { 99 0 106 0† |
| 1947 ... | 108 0 | 110 0 | 110 0 | 112 0 | 107 0 | 108 0 | 109 0 | 111 0 |
| 1948 ... | 114 0 | 116 0 | 120 0 | 122 0 | 113 0 | 115 0 | 118 0 | 121 0 |
| 1949 ... | 124 0 | 127 0 | ... | ... | 123 0 | 126 0 | ... | ... |

* In other districts, except Broken Hill, the rates were 3s. less.

† Special increase 7s., December, 1946 (Interim judgment of Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration).

‡ In 1939 quarterly variations commenced in March, June, September and December.

POPULATION—Estimated, 30th June, 1948:—New South Wales, Males, 1,513,563; Females, 1,511,756; Persons, 3,025,319—39'4 per cent. of population of Australia. Sydney and Suburbs (Census 30th June, 1947), 1,484,004.

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